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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of )

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Potlatch Corporation )

MUR 5428

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT #2

**SENSITIVE**

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Potlatch Corporation and close the file as to this respondent.

II. DISCUSSION

This matter arose out of an audit referral involving the Republican Party of Arkansas ("the RPA"). On March 9, 2004, the Commission found reason to believe that Potlatch Corporation ("Potlatch") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b by making a \$5,000 contribution to the RPA with a check drawn on a corporate account. The RPA had deposited Potlatch's check into its federal account and reported it as a contribution in the appropriate disclosure report. At the time of its reason-to-believe finding, the Commission also entered into pre-probable cause conciliation with Potlatch and approved a conciliation agreement.

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III. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with, and close the file as to, Potlatch Corporation.
2. Approve the appropriate letter.

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Attachment  
Conciliation agreement signed by Potlatch Corporation